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SUBJECT: CSCE - ITALIAN PROPOSAL FOR MEDITERRANEAN
DECLARATION

REF: (A) STATE 73509; (B) STATE 59882; (C) GENEVA 1843

1. SUMMARY. WE INFORMED QUAI OF STRONG USG OPPOSITION
TO PROPOSAL FOR SEPARATE CSCE DECLARATION ON THE MEDITER-
RANEAN. QUAI DEFENDED ITALIAN INITIATIVE AS EFFECTIVE
PRE-EMPTION OF MORE RADICAL PROPOSALS. END SUMMARY.

2. DRAWING ON GUIDANCE IN REF A, AND RELEVANT PORTIONS
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OF REFS B AND C, WE DISCUSSED APRIL 12 WITH PIERRET

(QUAI CHIEF OF CSCE SECTION) PROBLEM OF ITALIAN PROPOSAL FOR MEDITERRANEAN DECLARATION. WE STRESSED THAT U.S. IS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO SEPARATE MEDITERRANEAN DECLARATION, OR ANY FURTHER ROLE BY NON-PARTICIPATING MEDITERRANEAN STATES. MOREOVER, WE UNDERLINED TO PIERRET THAT WE WOULD HAVE EXPECTED CLOSER PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH EC-NINE ON PROPOSAL OF THIS NATURE, AND THAT THIS POINTS UP ONCE AGAIN NEED TO STRENGTHEN CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN EC-NINE AND U.S. ON MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST. NOTING THAT EC-NINE POLITICAL DIRECTORS ARE EXPECTED TO DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT AT THEIR MEETING IN BONN NEXT WEEK, WE SAID THAT WE HOPED THE VIEWS OF U.S. ON SUBJECT OF MEDITERRANEAN DECLARATION WOULD BE TAKEN FULLY INTO ACCOUNT BY EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS IN COURSE OF THAT MEETING.

3. PIERRET REPLIED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE SERIOUSNESS OF OUR INTERVENTION, AND WOULD INSURE THAT OUR POINTS WERE CONVEYED TO QUAI'S SECRETARY GENERAL, DE COURCEL, AND POLITICAL DIRECTOR PUAUX. PIERRET SAID THAT HE WOULD BE IN BONN NEXT WEEK TO PARTICIPATE IN PREPARATIONS FOR EC-NINE POLITICAL DIRECTORS DISCUSSION OF MEDITERRANEAN DECLARATION. ON THE SUBSTANCE OF OUR INTERVENTION, PIERRET SAID EC-NINE WERE UNANIMOUS IN THEIR DESIRE TO PUSH AHEAD WITH MEDITERRANEAN DECLARATION (ALTHOUGH HE ACKNOWLEDGED SOME RELUCTANCE IN PAST BY UK). PURPOSE OF ITALIAN INITIATIVE, ACCORDING TO PIERRET, WAS TO PRE-EMPT POSSIBLE INITIATIVES OF MORE RADICAL NATURE BY OTHER COUNTRIES AT CSCE WHICH, IF ALLOWED TO OCCUR, MIGHT HAVE PRECISELY THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS THAT U.S. SEES IN ITALIAN INITIATIVE, E.G., RE-OPENING ISSUE OF PARTICIPATION, INTRODUCING MIDDLE EAST DISPUTE INTO CSCE. PIERRET ADDED THAT GOF BELIEVES THE EC-NINE HAVE PARTICULAR INTEREST IN MEDITERRANEAN AREA THAT ARE NOT SHARED BY OTHER COUNTRIES, ALTHOUGH HE RECOGNIZED THAT UNITED STATES DOES HAVE POLITICAL, SECURITY, AND (HE ADDED GRUDGINGLY) ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL INTERESTS IN THAT AREA. PIERRET EMPHASIZED THAT THE MEDITERRANEAN DECLARATION WAS ITALIAN INITIATIVE AND HE SEEMED QUITE INTERESTED IN ATTITUDE THAT ITALIANS WOULD TAKE IN THE FUTURE (E.G., AT THE BONN EC-NINE POLITICAL

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DIRECTORS MEETING) REGARDING THEIR INITIATIVE.
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